

5 WOUND CLOSURE DRESSING WITH CONTROLLED STRETCHABILITY

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15 Abstract of the Disclosure

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25 A stretchable and contractible wound closure
 dressing is disclosed having an adhesive bodyside layer
 preferably formed of an hydrocolloid-containing liquid-
 absorbing adhesive material layer, a vapor-permeable
 elastomeric backing layer secured to one surface of said
 adhesive layer, and a multiplicity of flexible but
 essentially non-stretchable reinforcing members extending
 in spaced parallel relation across said dressing for
 preventing stretching of said dressing only in directions
 parallel with said members.